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## GC Benefits from Superbike Showdown



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**Ben Spies** of Longview, Texas, won the Superstock race at the Suzuki Superbike Showdown on Sept. 5 at Road Atlanta. GC volunteers helped out during the three-day event and the Braselton track made a \$1,500 contribution to the GC Foundation's scholarship program. **Story, page 14**

## GC 3rd in State Regent's Rankings

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Gainesville College students who took the Regents' Test for the first time in July were ranked No. 3 among all state schools, according to the Board of Regents.

More than 250 of the 269 GC students who took the essay portion of the test passed it, for a success rate of 92.9 percent. Only North Georgia College & State University (93.8 percent) and Georgia Tech (93.3 percent) were higher, although less than 65 students at those two schools took the Regents' Test for the first time last summer.

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## GC Could Raise Tuition for Spring Semester

By **Jacob Pomrenke**  
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Gainesville College president **Martha Nesbitt** said earlier this month that the University System of Georgia has no choice but to enact a 10 percent tuition hike that could take effect in January.

The state government has required that the University System cut \$68.7 million for the 2004-2005 budget year. That total is 38 percent of the

\$179 million that all state departments and agencies must cut by June 30, 2005.

Nesbitt told *The (Gainesville) Times* on Sept. 13 that the State Board of Regents will decide in October whether to increase tuition by 10 percent for the spring 2005 semester.

For in-state GC students who take 12 or more credit hours in



**Martha Nesbitt**

a semester, that would mean a jump from \$734 to \$807 per semester.

The move to cut education costs comes even as student enrollment in the state has soared. GC's population has grown by more than 60 percent since 2001 to nearly 6,000 students, including 2,000 at its Oconee campus.

"We need to plead with the legislature to restore education as a priority," Nesbitt said. "The economy in this state really depends

on the education."

Nesbitt said the University System was forced to cut at a disproportionately higher percentage than other state agencies because "the decision was made to base the cuts on personnel costs regardless of the nature of the enterprise."

"We don't have (38 percent) of the state's budget, but we have (38 percent) of the state's employees," Nesbitt added.

Gainesville College's share in the cuts is \$515,000.

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**Work-Study Positions are Still Available**  
GC still has several departments in need of student assistance in the Federal Work-Study Program. Contact Brenda DuVall at bduvall@gc.peachnet.edu or (770) 718-3672.

**Regents' Test Added for Oconee on Nov. 2**  
A second Regents' Test date has been added on Nov. 2 for Oconee students. E-mail: ddelaughter@gc.peachnet.edu for more information.

**Compass Seeks Writers for Next Fall Edition**  
Anyone interested in writing for the Compass student newspaper may contact Jack Howland at jhow8834@gc.peachnet.edu.

**GC to Host Panel Discussion**  
"Mending the Rift in Transatlantic Relations," a panel discussion moderated by ABC News, will be at 7-9 p.m. Sept. 27 at Agnes Scott College. Contact: twilson@gc.peachnet.edu or (770) 531-6069.

# ACTT Center Closed on Saturdays

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Since the beginning of this semester, the Academic Computer Tutoring and Testing Center has been and will be closed every Saturday.

The decision to close this facility not just Sunday, but the entire weekend was made by Byron Drew, director of the John Harrison Hosch Library and the ACTT Center.

Soon after Drew announced the Saturday closing of the ACTT Center, the Gainesville College Library/ACTT Committee members began asking questions at a meeting on Aug. 17.

They wanted an explanation as to why Drew thought it was necessary to close this useful facility on the one day that certain students may have a couple of hours of free time to study, make up a test, or find tutoring help.

"I think that there may be a perception of more ACTT Center



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activity on Saturday than there really is," said Drew.

"The total number using the ACTT Center between 9 A.M. and 3 P.M. on Saturdays during the past year was usually no more than fifteen."

In a letter to the Library/ACTT Committee members, Drew explained that he began

to consider closing the ACTT Center on Saturdays after Robert Guyton left a full-time math tutor position for the math department.

After discussing the matter with the Dean, they decided that because of the desperate need for full-time tutors at the Oconee campus, Guyton's full-time

position would be replaced with a half-time tutoring position, thus opening a much-needed full-time position at Oconee.

After making the decision to replace Guyton with a half-time tutor, Drew began searching for ways to use the remaining tutors, thus making the decision to reduce the number of personnel and hours of operation.

Several faculty members brought up the fact that perhaps the students could run the ACTT Center on Saturdays, but according to Drew "It continues to be our policy never to leave students completely in charge of the ACTT Center or the GC or Oconee Library."

The ACTT Center is open from 7:30 A.M. to 10:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 7:30 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, but is now closed for the entire weekend.

## GC No. 3 in Regents' Rankings

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For the fourth year in a row, GC ranked first among all two-year schools in the state in both the essay and reading portions of the test.

More than 140 of the 161 GC students who took the reading portion passed, for a success rate of 87.6 percent.

GC's success rates were about 10 percent above the state averages for the 44 schools in the University System of Georgia.

The next Regents' Test will be given on Nov. 1-2. The deadline for registration is Oct. 13.

The Regents' Testing Program was implemented in 1972 to ensure that students who wish to receive college degrees from the University System possess

a standard level of skill in reading and writing.

The test includes a reading and an essay portion.

Students must take the test after they have completed 30 semester credit hours and it is required for graduation.

To prepare for the exam students have a variety of options: Computerized practice tests are available on all of the computers in the ACTT center; preparation workshops are offered twice a semester.

Practice tests, instructional assistance and two workshops every semester are provided by Frank Sherwood in the Writing Lab; workbooks are also available for students to use.

## GC Enrollment Soars

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Last year Gainesville College experienced record high numbers concerning the overall student enrollment. This year, GC is still experiencing record high numbers with an 11 percent increase overall from last year.

Currently, according to an August 24 press release from Gainesville College, there are 5,858 students taking classes either at GC's Oakwood Campus or Oconee Campus. "Of the 5,858 students enrolled, 3,990 are taking classes at the Gainesville Campus and 2,016 are taking classes at the Oconee Campus. A total of 211 of these students are taking courses on both campuses. Another 171 students are taking advantage of internet in-struction."

When what GC is doing to accommodate for the influx of students, Janice Hartsoe, GC's new Registrar replies, "More faculty had to be hired."

"Gainesville College is acting on it by implementing an Enrollment Management Program to help streamline advisement, orientation, and registration."

The reason for separating advisement and registration Hartsoe said is due to "the number of students and the lines waiting to be both advised and to register. We want advisement to be strictly for advisement, and not for registration."

New students will be required to sign up for orientation. When going online to register for orientation, they will also sign up for an advisement period on the same day as orientation.



# Dead Ducks Found Near GC Pond

## 5 Ducks Test Positive For E. coli; GC Instructed to Reduce Population

By Jessica Bougher  
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An outbreak of E. coli over the summer killed at least five ducks at Gainesville College's upper pond, according to the University of Georgia's Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study.

GC maintenance workers found nearly a dozen ducks on July 28-29 near Mundy Mill Road. Five of the ducks were sent to UGA's College of Veterinary Medicine, where they tested positive for several bacterial infections.

A test for West Nile virus came up negative.

UGA scientists determined that the ducks died from "bacterial sepsis," which is often caused by an overpopulation of ponds and lakes.

Georgia Department of Natural Resources biologists advised Jerry Spiceland, GC's director of plant operations, to reduce the waterfowl population, which consists primarily of geese and ducks, by at least 50 percent in order to improve conditions in and around the pond.

Spiceland said the pond was closed indefinitely. Barricades were placed at the entrance with signs reading, "Keep Out" and "Do Not Feed The Ducks Until Further Notice."

"We are still waiting on recommendations and cost estimates from soil conservation folks before any decisions on the pond," Spiceland said.

Georgia DNR biologist Chuck Harris advised students and faculty to "be sympathetic in that we are dealing with



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**GC maintenance workers found nearly a dozen dead ducks near the upper pond in July. Five ducks tested positive for E.coli after being sent to the Southeastern Cooperative Wildlife Disease Study at the University of Georgia. The pond has been closed indefinitely, said GC Director of Plant Operations Jerry Spiceland.**

***"Be sympathetic in that we are dealing with an overpopulation and a limited habitat."***

**- Georgia Department of Natural Resources biologist Chuck Harris after instructing GC workers to reduce the waterfowl population at the upper pond when five ducks were found with E. coli in July.**

an overpopulation and a limited habitat."

Last month, Spiceland brought in a mute swan to help scare the geese away but it was found dead within days.

"The swan was not very healthy when it was placed in the pond," said Spiceland, who suggested that the swan could have died from eating algae from the contaminated pond.

"It had been removed from a location where two other swans had 'beat it up'

pretty badly. We feel this is why it didn't live. It had trouble holding its head erect and other problems."

The DNR also suggested several other tactics, including the use of fireworks and "scare pistols," which sound like shotguns.

"The scare pistols are helping at this time," Spiceland said. "How long they will work, no one knows."

# Elegant Expressions Offers New Meal Cards

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With the coming of the new school year, students often find themselves in new situations, with new people, hopefully taking new classes, and inevitably finding themselves falling into those same old routines.

Gainesville College itself is offering something new this year: a meal card. For the first time in the school's history, students can purchase a meal plan, and take advantage of one of the simplest,

yet most convenient, perks that the school offers.

Donnell Moorhead, owner of Elegant Expressions, GC's cafeteria, says that "For students, they don't have to worry about missing lunch or breakfast. It's working out for everybody, I think everyone is loving it." Elegant Expressions has already sold 150 meal cards.

Though similar to other larger university meal plans, the GC meal ticket does manage to procure an identity all its own. Generally, at larger schools, a student will purchase a meal plan at the

beginning of a semester, and be allocated a preset number of meals, which he or she may indulge in.

If one were to run out of meals, that would be it, and eating habits would undoubtedly revert back to ramen and cheese balls.

The GC meal plan, though, acts as more of a debit/credit account. Students may purchase their cards at any time, run their account down to zero and then, if they should choose to do so, purchase more credit.

Credits can be bought in 20 dollar increments, and as an additional perk, first

time buyers receive an additional twenty percent on their purchase.

Kayla Allen, who is attending GC for her first semester as an undecided major, says that she bought her meal card "because I thought it was a really convenient way to get food without having to carry money with me."

Allen said she eats at Elegant Expressions twice a week and uses her meal card every time.

There are downsides however, as meal tickets are non-refundable, and can only be put towards buying food, whereas cash tends to be good wherever you go.



# Politics to Take Center Stage at Campus Rally

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Did you know the United States presidential election is just over a month away? Do you know who will be voting for?

Sigma Chi Eta, the Gainesville College Communication Honor Society, has found seven politically-minded GC students who know what they want in a president.

Starting at noon Oct. 6, these seven students will Speak Out, voicing their opinions on a variety of issues that could affect your vote.

Speak Out is a non partisan political rally to be held on the GC campus where the speakers' topics will range from the controversial issue of drilling for oil in a national wildlife reserve in Alaska to the disagreement over the war on drugs and possibly the most debated issue of the upcoming election, the war in Iraq.

The speakers were chosen by a panel of SCH judges who want to "demonstrate the diversity of opinions at



Gainesville College," said SCH Vice President Jenn Williams. "We wanted to make sure students' voices are heard, because there has been a lack of this in the past."

Last semester, GC faculty spoke out for candidates in a forum in the Student Center, "but students were



Jenn Williams

not allowed to participate vocally in the event," said Michele Hester, SCH president. "It's important that young people are being heard, since their lives we be directly affected by the results of this election."

SCH would like to invite everyone at GC to this "worthwhile event," says Hester.

Local candidates, political organizations and GC clubs and organizations are also invited to set up booths to display information pertaining to the issues and the election. The cost for the booths is \$10.

"This is such a great opportunity for the students who are speaking, as well as the audience who will be attending the rally, because it shows the students at Gainesville College care enough about our government to Speak Out," said Williams.



Michele Hester

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# GC Stays Hip with New Wireless Network

## Students Can Use Laptops to Access Internet on Campus

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Students at Gainesville College will stay on the cutting edge of information technology services after the school recently switched to a wireless network that allows students and teachers to access the Internet from all over campus.

Ranked No. 15 as "Most Wired" among all two-year schools nationwide by Yahoo! Internet Life magazine in 2000, Gainesville College added the new technology by employing a mix-and-match approach using

equipment from Cisco, 3Com and Hewlett-Packard, three leading computer network companies, that places wireless "access points" at selected locations on campus.

"We went with the new technology because it is widely supported in the commercial environment," said Brian Gibbs, a computer network specialist at the Student Helpdesk in the ACTT Center.

Students can use laptop computers to access the Internet on-campus by purchasing a wireless network card, which are available for \$20-60 at businesses such as Office Depot, Best Buy or Sam's Club.



Brian Gibbs

"Essentially, if the computer (operates) Windows XP, which most new computers should, then they would just pop in their network card and fire it up," Gibbs said.

"Just about all laptops sold in the past year have integrated wireless cards. With Windows XP, the user will need to make sure the wireless card is enabled.

"The equipment also allows for cross-platform operating systems, which means Macintosh and Linux-based computers are supported, too."

Scott Lundquist, a GC freshman, says he's found the wireless network to be more convenient to him.

Lundquist has used his laptop to access the Internet in the Student Center's Cyber Cafe, the ACTT Center and several other places around campus.

"I haven't really experienced any problems with it," he said. "You can pretty much access (the Internet) anywhere on campus."

Gibbs added that a user-friendly environment was the main goal with the wireless network.

"Student feedback is very important to let us know where we need to put access points for additional coverage," he said.

The IT staff selected locations based on demand.

Currently, the campus "hot spots" where students can access the wireless network are the ACTT Center, Student Center, John Harrison Hosch Library, Dunlap-Mathis student lounge and the Science Building lobby.

Oconee campus "hot spots" are the ACTT Center/library and the lobby of the Student Resource building.

The wireless network also helps ease security threats from off-campus hackers.

Once their network cards are enabled, students are required to log in with a password and then forwarded to the page they are trying to access.

"Our new wireless network acts like a firewall," Gibbs said.

"This prevents unauthorized access from outside the wireless network.

"But it's important to run a personal firewall, like the one built into Windows XP, run personal anti-virus software and keep your computer patched regularly in order to keep it safe."

## 'Steps to College' Minority Program Receives Loss of State Funding

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State budget cuts could force minority high school students to take a step backward in their quest to attend Gainesville College.

GC's "Steps to College" summer program, a college preparatory course that gives minority students a 0.5 elective credit in high school, is being threatened by a loss of funding.

The state government required that the University System of Georgia cut \$68.7 million for the 2004-05 budget year.

That represents 38 percent of the \$179 million in cuts for

all state departments and agencies.

Allison is currently "working on funding for next summer."

"Steps to College" began at GC with 40 Hall County high school students in 1999 and was adopted by the University System of Georgia's Hispanic Pilot Program Initiative a year later.

In June, 130 students from 10 schools in Hall and Forsyth counties attended the \$380 course.

Seven classes were taught, including American history, math, physical science, graduation test preparation and English as a second language (ESL).

The program was originally funded by a \$5,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation; private

donors and the Gainesville College Foundation provided \$500 each and the Hall County School System provided transportation.

More than 10 current students learned about GC thru "Steps to College."

"Steps to College" has been copied by other universities such as Dalton State, North Georgia and the University of Georgia.

High school students are not the only ones who benefit from the program. Fourteen GC students worked as teacher aides for \$10 per hour.

"Teacher aides serve as mentors and inspiration for the students to realize the importance and possibility of college education," Allison said.

## Counseling & Career Services Fall Calendar

**Oct. 6:** Job fair, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. in Student Center

**Oct. 11:** "Focus on ... Majors," 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. in Student Center Stage Area

**Oct. 12:** "Understanding Your Dreams" Workshop, noon and 5 p.m., Counseling & Career Services office (inside the Student Center)

**Oct. 13:** "Study Skills" Workshop, noon and 5 p.m., Counseling & Career Services office (inside the Student Center)

**Oct. 18-22:** Alcohol Awareness Week, Student Center Stage Area

**Oct. 25:** "Choosing A Major" Workshop, noon and 5 p.m., Counseling & Career Services office (inside the Student Center)

**Oct. 26:** "Qi Gong/Energy Medicine" Workshop, noon and 5 p.m., Lower Faculty/Staff Dining Room in Student Center



# GC Celebrates 40th Anniversary of Charter

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The 40th anniversary of the Gainesville College charter gives both students and teachers something to celebrate.

Last April, GC celebrated its 40th anniversary of the day its charter was first signed. It was then, in 1964 that a group of Hall County citizens was first given permission to begin building GC.

However, although the charter was in place, there were still many more elements to worry about while creating the school.

Deciding to build a college wasn't that difficult but funding its construction turned out to be tougher than anyone expected.

According to GC President Martha Nesbitt, "There was not a public two-year college near here" when the school was built.

The establishment of the college was extremely important to the public and when looking for funds, the group turned to

the community for help. That decision turned beneficial and eventually raised two million dollars.

With the money now available, creation of GC was underway and after missing the construction deadline and the first semester having to begin in a church down the street, GC was finished and open for business.

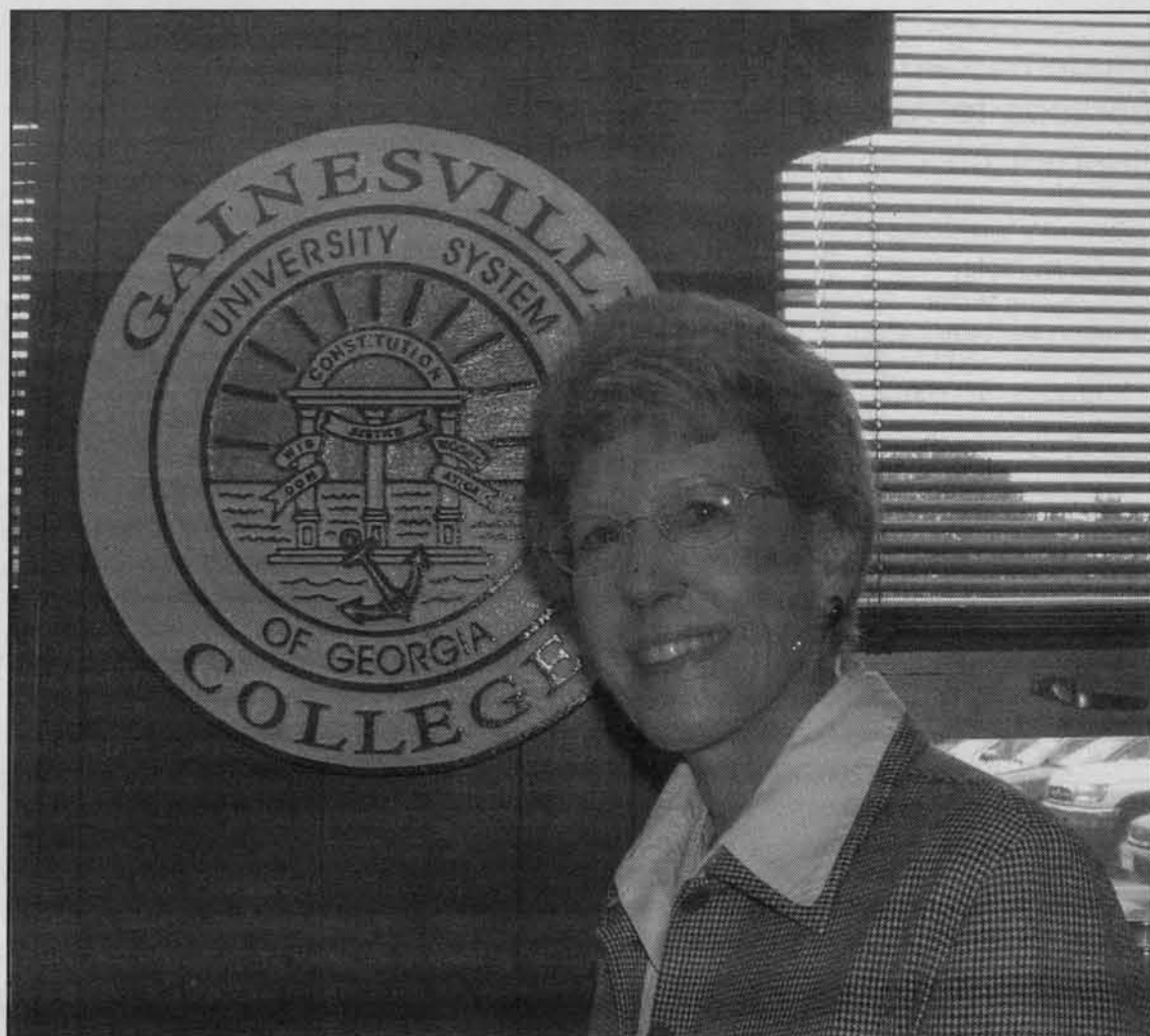
Now, 40 years later, Dr. Nesbitt doesn't want anyone to forget the college's humble beginnings.

"I think it is always important to celebrate milestones in one's history; celebrations are important in reaffirming loyalty and special feelings for an institution" she said.

In the spirit of celebration, inaugural president Hugh Mills will speak to both students and staff on Oct. 27 in the Continuing Education building at noon.

Students who decide to attend will likely get more than just a good speech.

"We want lots of students there, and as many of our staff who can make it and we will even provide a box lunch for everyone who comes by," Nesbitt said.



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**GC President Martha Nesbitt** stands in front of the school's original charter from 1964. That year, a group of Hall County citizens began building GC, which opened a year later with about 300 students. Enrollment has soared in recent years, surpassing 5,000 during the 2003-04 school year and coming close to 6,000 beginning with this fall semester.

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**Grand Opening**



# New Ceramics Instructor/Course

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Jennifer Graff, a new art teacher at Gainesville College, stated, "You learn by having failures. Be assertive and try, having both successes and failures." This was her response when asked about her teaching styles.

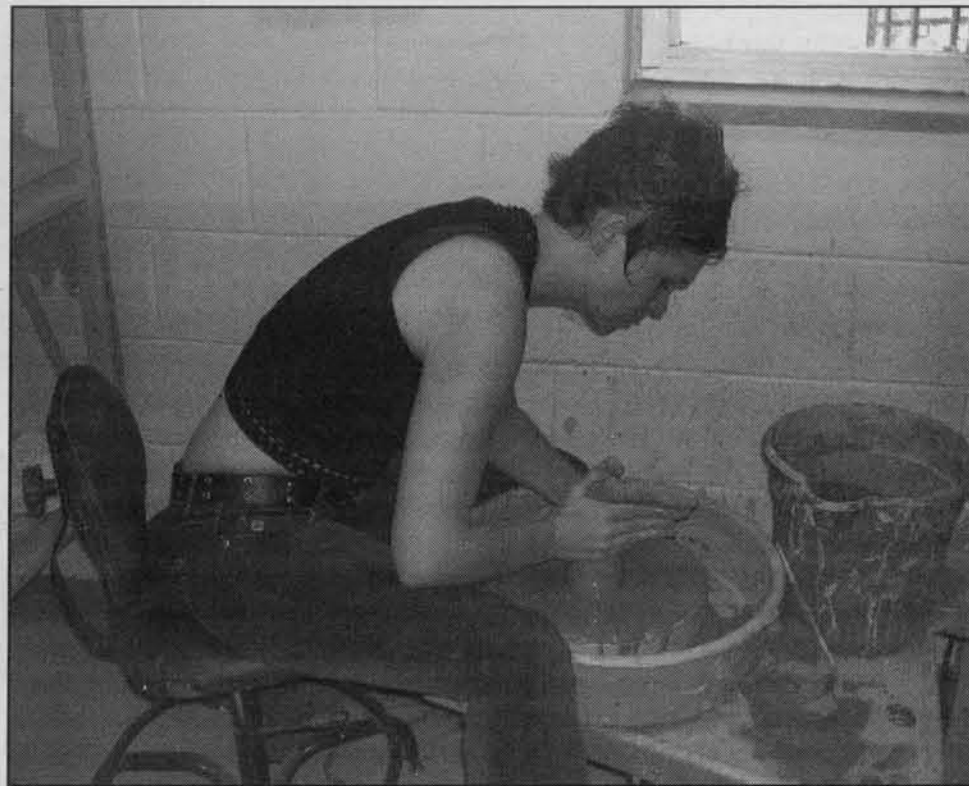
Graff comes to GC with excellent credentials, bringing with her two new ceramics classes, in addition to the new ceramics patio. She obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts at Alfred University in rural Western New York, which happens to have one of the most demanding ceramic programs. After college, Graff ran a nonprofit studio in Ann Arbor, Michigan before returning to Georgia to earn her Master of Fine Arts at University of Georgia. As a grad student, Graff taught at UGA and also has worked at Good Dirt, located in Athens, as a studio manager.

The two new ceramics classes being offered are Ceramics I and Ceramics II. In the first class, students will gain an introduction to the materials and processes involved in the construction,

glazing and firing of clay. Students in Ceramics I, will build sculptures strictly by hand, whereas in the Ceramics II class, the potter's wheel is introduced. Graff stated, "In the Ceramics I class, students will learn the coil and stab techniques, as well as learning the technical side of ceramics, such as fire and characteristics of glazes." In both classes, students will learn how to mix their own glazes. There are no requirements to take either of the ceramics classes and both are offered to non-art majors.

When asked about her teaching style, Graff said, "I'm a very hands-on instructor. I do lots of demos; I don't expect students to be assigned a project without knowing how to do that project first." The ceramics class is great for students who want to express themselves with a material found right here in Northern Georgia, clay.

Also new to the GC, is the ceramics patio, which is located off the northern side of the Dunlap/Mathis building. This new patio contains two electric kilns and a low-fire raku kiln, a large glaze table and 10 electric wheels. A kiln is any type of oven used for hardening, burning, or drying substances such as grain, meal,



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**Alex Purnell** works on a ceramics project during the new ceramics course being taught by Jennifer Graff. Alex is attending Gainesville College for her first semester as an art major. "She is wonderful," said Purnell about Graff's new course and instruction.

or clay; it is often a brick-lined oven used to bake or fire ceramics. The ceramics patio was a huge investment for the college, which is only a two-year

community college. The patio was funded by private donors, but the experience that Graff brings to GC will make the new classes succeed.

## Intercultural Communications Course Now Offered on Oakwood Campus

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Gainesville College students can develop an awareness and sensitivity to diverse cultures around the world by taking the Intercultural Communications course (COMM 1502) taught by Associate Professor of Communication Ray-Lynn Snowden.

The class, which is being offered for the first time this fall, explores the link between culture and communication.

"America is so global and perception is culturally influenced," Snowden said.

Snowden, who previously taught the class at the University of South Alabama, proposed the class to the Gainesville College curriculum committee last year and it was approved for this fall.

The class, which meets from 1:15-2:55 p.m. Mondays in Academic III room 187, discusses the idea of how to communicate with others while being sensitive to the beliefs and values of a different culture.

Ten students are signed up for the class this fall and Snowden believes the small class size allows for more individualized attention, better class discussion and more input from students.

Snowden added that she was unsure if the class will be accepted as a transfer credit at other University System of Georgia institutions.

UGA and Georgia State offer similar classes, "Cultural Diversity in Communication" (SPCM 1800) and "International Communication" (COMM 6650), respectively.

North Georgia does not list any type of cultural communications course.

"It benefits everybody's life to take a class like this," she said. "I hope it will be available again next fall."

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# Voter Registration Deadline Draws Near

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Douglas Young, professor of political science and history, has to be the most impulsive man on campus just ask him, and he'll tell you all the places you can do it.

You can do it in a library. You can do it on the Internet. You can do it near the Lakeshore Mall in Hall County's Registrar's Office.

Oh the places you can go! Young would even tell you to honor Bill Clinton and do it in any place you can renew or obtain a driver's license.

Don't want to leave campus? Young will even let you do it in his office; just make sure he knows you're coming, and before October 4th when time runs out, for this term.

To be more specific, "it" is registering to vote. Now wait, this is still exciting. This is your opportunity to make your opinion count. Instead of

spending the next political term whining about the guy that you didn't vote for, make an effort to prevent your not-wants by registering to vote and actually voting. By doing so you are increasing the number of college educated voters for your county, your state, and your country.

Still not enticed? For those of you who always thought it would be cool to be on a jury of some court case, this is what makes you a potential juror; being registered to vote.

(Remember it is mandatory, so this may mean missing that all too exciting calculus lecture.)

So in total you would be making a political difference, an ethical difference, and your name would be placed into a magic pot that potentially could get you out of class. This is a deal



Douglas Young

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You can pick a form up at any public library, you can print one off of the Internet at [www.sos.state.ga.us/elections](http://www.sos.state.ga.us/elections) or you can go by Young's office which is in Academic 11 room number 145. Fill out the form and put in the mail, you don't even need a stamp.

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## GC Students Complete Posters for Social Science Competitions

By Leslie Adair  
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Surveys, construction paper, and glue sticks will be in the hands of Gainesville College students this year, as members of the social science department urge an increase of posters to be completed for competitions.

Last spring, GC students researched, surveyed, and analyzed information for their poster presentations in the social science competition.

According to Susan Doyle, professor of psychology, researching, surveying, and analyzing information at an undergraduate school prepares

students who plan to attend a 4-year college. Doyle stated, "It is beneficial for students at two-year colleges to experience releasing basic research because four-year colleges do require it."

While professors' lessons require students to perform research and present their posters, the advice is to get ahead and "...start a notebook of ideas, look at the world, and ask why people behave certain ways," stated Doyle.

Participants opened their elaborate social science posters for judges to view. First place winners were Andrea Butler, Justin Deans, Shalitha Henderson, Duncan McGuire,

***"It is beneficial for students at two-year colleges to experience releasing basic research because four-year colleges do require it."***  
***-Professor of Psychology and Research Susan Doyle***

Brad Schimweg, and Stephen Graham. Their topic was "Looks vs. Success: The Difference Between Men and Women."

The first place winners' hypothesis was men value looks rather than the level of

success. Women were swayed more by success.

Within the participants study, 20 females and 20 males, ages 18-30, answered surveys to prove this hypothesis correct.

First place winners were awarded a M.C. Escher art book. The M.C. Escher art book

features drawings with different dimensions, incorporating a psychology topic about perception.

Second place winners were Jenny Post, Melanie Patterson, Patrick Crane, and Nick Johnson.

They programmed a computer to test "How Fast Do You React?" 20 females and 20 males were tested; men reacted faster than the women in this study.

The third place winner was Sean Stephens featuring "Men vs. Women: Who Has a More Complex Schema of Their Ideal Mate?"

Stephens' research concluded that women had a complex schema for their ideal mate.



# Service Awards 30 Years With GC

By Brian Hall

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In the stress-laden weeks that precede the first day of classes, staff and teachers toil to see to it that every last PowerPoint slide is in place and every syllabus is keeping within recommended guidelines for margins and spacing.

Meanwhile, the Gainesville College Alumni Association held a breakfast to honor several longtime employees.

On Aug. 17, while our alarm clocks gathered dust, the GC Alumni Association presented awards for some extraordinary contributions.

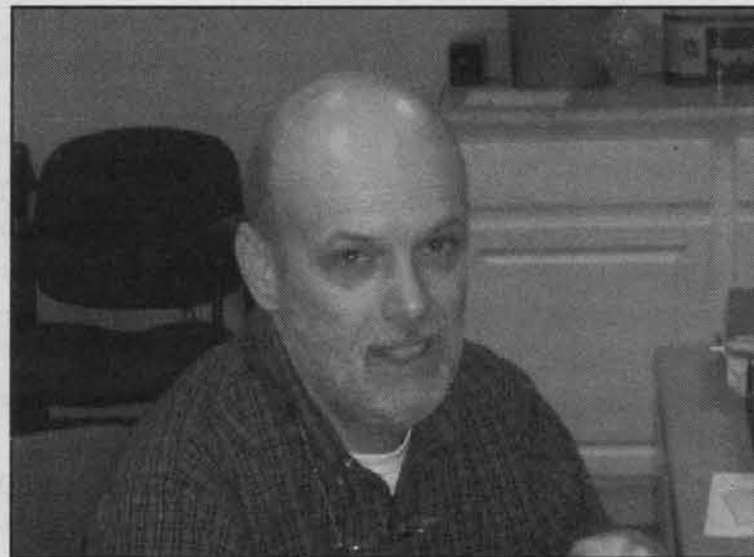
Christy Yeager was recognized for 30 years of service to the college and Steve Langston received an award for 25 years of service.

Other recipients included Linda Brown, Lynda Gastley, Mary Mayhew and Katie Simmons were honored for their 20 years with Gainesville College.

You, fellow student, were not invited to this breakfast because you just haven't earned it yet.

Not to say that one day we all won't be honored at breakfasts, luncheons and cocktail parties, because I'm sure we will.

But for now, listen, you probably rolled out of bed that day at noon and ate the other half of the sub you bought the night before.



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*Steve Langston who devoted 25 years of service to GC will retire later this year.*

## Ferguson Wins Crawford Award

By Ashley Davis

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Joyce Ferguson, administrative assistant for the physical education department, received the Eleanor Crawford Award at the annual GC faculty and staff breakfast on Aug. 17.

The Crawford Award, named for the first staff employee of the college, honors a staff member who has made outstanding contributions to the GC community.

"She was recognized for her delight in helping others," said Lillian Welch, a physical education instructor at GC.

"She's talented and innovative, never gets frazzled and, most of all, embodies the spirit of what we want GC to be: friendly and accessible."

Added Daniel Elzey, who is a lifeguard at the physical education complex, "She



KELLY HESTER / Compass Staff

### Joyce Ferguson

always has a smiling face and can always help you solve any problem you might have."

Ferguson, an employee of GC since 1992, works for the physical education department, and also fills in wherever she is needed.

Known for being extremely dependable, she is always willing to go the extra mile.

She said that she loves her job and could do nothing else that makes her happier.

Ferguson said, "I feel like the mama hen and that everyone else are my chicks."

## Expanding Horizons

### Study Abroad Initiative Continues to Grow

By Matt Lovell

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Every year the number of study abroad students increases. At Gainesville College the number increased by 12 students and 4 locations in 2004.

Chaundron Gille, head of the Study Abroad Initiative stated her personal goal, "I want to see 40-50 students, sustainable, and offer more science and math oriented abroad programs."

There are many options for funding now that the University System of Georgia has taken a role. There are currently eight positions on campus that will match up to \$500 what a student earns. The GC Foundation has scholarships specifically available for the program. The first ten students who sign up receive

***"Going abroad in your freshman or sophomore year offers you more flexibility."***

***- Chaundron Gille, head of the Study Abroad Initiative at Gainesville College.***

a \$100 off. Financial aid is also available.

"Going abroad in your freshman or sophomore year offers you the most flexibility," stated Gille. Some programs are more structured than others concerning travel arrangements and excursions, as well as having meals and housing included in the price. One can also have different housing options as well.

Most short term study abroad programs are offered in the

summer, and most students wish they could have stayed longer. All of the paperwork is handled on campus and since most programs fill up in the fall it is not too late to sign up. Dr Gille's office is in Dunlap Mathis building room 105.

You can also find out more information about studying abroad by visiting the Cross Cultural Connections web site on the Student Clubs and Organizations page of the GC web site.

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## Faculty Profile: Lynn Lathem

By Lauren Hackney  
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*Lynn Lathem, Gainesville College Chorale's director for 11 years and dedicated educator for 31 years ran for the Hall County Board of Education earlier this summer. Her determination to get involved has brought to light budget issues that need to be addressed and has spurred her into an even more proactive role in the community. She urges anyone to get involved and to be an educated voter, especially in this important election year.*

*Compass writer Lauren Hackney spoke with Lathem recently regarding her campaign platform in the Republican primary.*

**Question:** You ran in the Republican primary for the Hall County Board of Education this summer. Was this the first public office you've run for?

**Answer:** It was my first time. I really wanted to see what it was about, to find out what the process was.

**Q:** What motivated you? What did you feel needed to be changed?

**A:** Our current board of education approves every recommendation by the superintendent 100% of the time. I felt that our board needed to show more leadership. I felt that issues should be discussed and debated just like at commission meetings. I felt that we needed an educator on the school board.

**Q:** Was there one issue in particular that you felt needed to be taken care of?

**A:** No, it was mainly just what I felt was a lack of leadership; and the school budget. All of this is very complex, and I wasn't sure if they just didn't understand some of this; if it was just going over their heads and they didn't want to look dumb by questioning.... How can they totally agree with everything? I wasn't sure why people weren't speaking up and speaking out; they seemed very content with the status quo. That concerns me.

**Q:** Do you think that because you ran for office and brought these issues to the attention of other parents and educators that the board will pay attention now?

**A:** I hope so. We've seen some indication of that already. I just want the board members to take a proactive role, not a passive role. I felt that too much of it was passive. Another issue was contingency funds.

**Q:** What are contingency funds?

**A:** Over \$4 million each year in Hall County Schools' contingency funds: for example, the schools make 50 percent profit on school photos. Most parents and many teachers do not realize this. I feel that parents should know up front what the profit is and how the school is using these monies. Principals alone make the decision on how these funds are spent. I believe in open financial information and thus, accountability. School councils should allocate these funds in an open application process.

## Library Events

By Aron Dunn  
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Students and faculty gathered at the John Harrison Hosch Library at Gainesville College on August 27 and 30 for the library's annual literary events.

First was "Murder in the Stacks", a murder-mystery activity for GC daytime students. Participating in the event were 24 students and one faculty member. These detectives split up into 12 teams of two to three members and gathered in the browsing room of the library. The participants learned that a character named Professor Harrison had been murdered, and it was their task to find out who was responsible.

Murder suspects were played by the members of the library's faculty and staff. Flashlights were distributed to the teams, lights were turned off, and the detectives searched the library for clues.

Coordinator of Library Instruction Angela Megaw said, "The game's intent is to help the player locate things in the library, and, in a fun way, teach you how to use the library's catalog." Megaw's statement rings true, as the participants were able to learn more about their library while they scoured the aisles of books for clues.

August 30 saw 32 students attend "A Literary Tour", the library's event for GC evening students. The library's faculty and staff opted to use characters from children's literature as the theme for this year's event.

The characters portrayed by the



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**Trey Wilson and Dennis Griffith won the "Murder in the Stacks" event on Aug. 27 at GC's John Harrison Hosch Library.**

faculty and staff included the Yellow Brick Road, Glenda the Good Witch, and the Wizard from "The Wizard of Oz", as well as Hermione Granger and Professor McGonagall from the "Harry Potter" series of books.

Participants made their way around the building, conversing with each character at different points in the library. The students' journey ended in the audio-video room, where they were awaited by Glenda the Good Witch and refreshments provided by the GC Foundation.

Door prizes, such as GC water bottles, t-shirts, and gift certificates to Wal-Mart and local eateries were given out at both events. Gainesville College's own Student Government Association even forewent their scheduled meeting on Aug. 27 to attend the "Murder in the Stacks" event. By participating in activities such as "Murder in the Stacks" and "A Literary Tour", students receive co-curricular transcript credit. Co-curricular transcript credit appears on students' college transcripts and details the extra-curricular activities in which they participated.

**Make a difference on the Gainesville College campus. Join the staff of The Compass. Writers needed immediately. Email: compass@gc.peachnet.edu or call at (770) 718-3820.**



# GC Staff and Faculty to Split Advisement and Registration Periods

By Jack Howland  
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## Advisement Period

### Gainesville Campus-October 11-22

1. Look up your advisor on your tranguid in Banner Web.
2. Make an appointment with your advisor between 10/11-10/22. (Advisors are ONLY available during the Advisement Period.)
3. Check for restrictions in Banner Web that require you to see your advisor.
4. Those with restrictions MUST make an appointment with his or her advisor.
5. Details on Banner, dates, locations, etc. can be viewed by clicking on *Advising, Registration, & Schedules* at [www.gc.peachnet.edu](http://www.gc.peachnet.edu)

### Oconee Campus-October 25-28

1. Times: Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 12:00 - 4:00 pm  
Wednesday Evening: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
2. Location: Student Resource Center, Rooms 512/522
3. Advisors from all disciplines will be available, and are only available during the Advisement Period.
4. No appointment is necessary! Just drop by!
5. Bring a copy of your tranguid from Banner Web!
6. Details on Banner, dates, locations, etc. can be viewed by clicking on *Advising, Registration, & Schedules* at [www.gc.peachnet.edu](http://www.gc.peachnet.edu)

The faculty and staff at Gainesville College have decided to split the registration and advisement periods into two separate meetings.

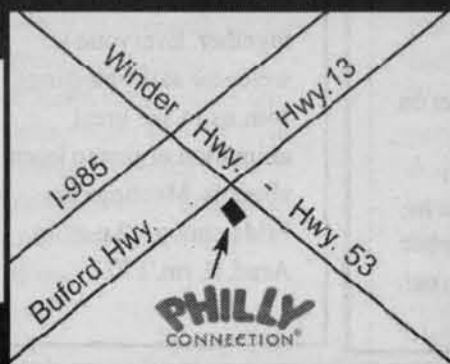
When asked about the reason GC split registration and advisement periods, Amy Allen replied "So that students can meet one-on-one with their advisors. To make it more easier and efficient for everyone."

Those students who are unable to register are those who are on learning support, have a Regent's hold, are on academic probation, or are returning from academic suspension.

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# Get Involved in Student Life at Gainesville College

By Michele Hester

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While Gainesville College students do not have the added luxury of joining sororities and fraternities or competing in organized sports on campus, students can choose from over 20 other extra-curricular clubs and activities to supplement their college experience.

## THE COMPASS

**Advisor:** Dan Cabaniss

**When:** Wed. at noon

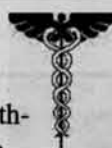
**Where:** Compass office in Student Activities

The Compass, an award-winning student newspaper and the voice of Gainesville College, is looking for talented students to join the staff. No experience is necessary. Contact Jack Howland, jhow8834@gc.peachnet.edu, for more information.

## THE COMPASS

## Future Health Professionals

FHP's purpose is to provide a community of students with a common goal, leadership opportunities, and health-related experiences to the students of GC. The club also works to increase community awareness about health-related issues and concerns. FHP meets Fridays at noon in room 203 in the science and technology building..



## Engineering Club

**Advisor:** Jeff Turk

The GC Physics and Engineering Club provides extracurricular science experiences for students through such activities as field trips, guest speakers, regular meetings and discussing extraordinary physics theories. Contact Turk at jturk@gc.peachnet.edu.

## Art Club

**Advisor:** Angela Megaw

**When:** Mon. at noon

**Where:** Dunlap Mathis lobby

Art club is designed for all students interested in art. You don't have to be an art major to join. The club has many exciting events planned for the year, such as trips to museums and New York City.



## Campus Activity Board (CAB)

**Advisor:** Brenda Adams



CAB plans and carries out programs such as musical groups, comedy acts, magicians and recreational trips for the students at GC. Students interested in organizing these types of activities should contact Brenda Adams at badams@gc.peachnet.edu, for more information.

## Latino Student Association

This club is for students having a particular interest in Latino culture and issues. L.S.A. empowers its members by promoting leadership, education and culture. By setting goals and sacrifices, they intend to nurture, guide and encourage Latino youth. Contact Minority Affairs for more information.

## Black Student Association

**Advisor:** Andre' Cheek

**When:** Every other Monday

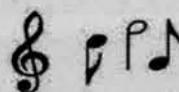
**Where:** Lower Faculty Dining room

BSA is an organization dedicated to making a student's experience at GC fun and challenging, while meeting people along the way.

Upcoming events: Cultural festival, car wash, Toys for Tots and Fall Carnival

## GC Chorale

**Advisor:** Lynn Lathem



The chorale is an organization open to all students of the college. This group sings for campus functions, fulfills off campus and aids in recruiting for the college. To schedule an audition, email Lynn Lathem at llathem@gc.peachnet.edu.

## Student Government Association (SGA)

**Advisor:** Alicia Caudill

**When:**

Fri. from

noon - 1

**Where:**

Lanier

AB

SGA is a group of students who act as a bridge between students and the faculty at GC. Students must have a 2.25 cumulative g.p.a and carry at least four hours of classes to be considered for elective offices. Questions can be sent to sga@gc.peachnet.edu.



## Sigma Chi Eta

ΣXH

**Advisors:** Allison Ainsworth and Caitlin Wills-Toker

**When:** Every other Wed. at 1 p.m.

**Where:** Acad. III, rm. 201

Sigma Chi Eta is the official communication honor society and club at Gainesville College. Join us at our meetings or at one of the many events we host each semester. For more information, send email to ahes2131@gc.peachnet.edu.

## Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE)

**Advisor:** Katie Simmons

The purpose of SIFE is to promote awareness of the benefits of the United States free market system, and to encourage students to consider leadership and professional opportunities. Membership is open to all students, but is of special interest to students majoring in any area of business administration. Meetings are held on Friday at noon in Acad. III, rm. 186.



## SEA

S.E.A. is a group of students and faculty at Gainesville College who share a common goal of bringing environmental awareness to this campus and local community. We meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12:00 noon in room 136 of the Science Building. Come join us!

## Anime Club

**Advisor:** Patsy Worrall

Each week the Anime Club members meet to watch animated Japanese videos and have lunch together. Everyone is welcome at the meetings. Join us to see great animation or just to learn about it. Meetings are Friday noon - 2 p.m. in Acad. II, rm. 170.



## CLUBS

**Math Club**

Advisor: Jerry Graveman

When: Mondays at noon

Where: Acad. III, rm. 138

The purpose of the Gainesville College Math Club is to provide academic and social opportunities for students outside the classroom. The club sponsors Math League competitions, a mathematics tournament for two-year colleges, Math Awareness Week and the Problem of the Week.

**Jazz Band & Combo**

Advisor: Andrew Santander

Membership to GC's Jazz Band and Jazz Combo is by audition. The band performs on campus, around town and nationwide. Interested Jazz musicians should contact Andrew Santander at [asantander@gc.peachnet.edu](mailto:asantander@gc.peachnet.edu) for more information or to set up an audition.

**Phi Theta Kappa**

P.T.K. is the prestigious honor society recognizing excellence and encourages scholarship among two-year college students. PTK provides opportunity for the development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas. Students must meet eligibility requirements to be inducted. Contact Ray-Lynn Snowden, [rsnowden@gc.peachnet.edu](mailto:rsnowden@gc.peachnet.edu), for more information.

**Politically Incorrect**

Have you wanted to join a club on campus that has guest speakers, socials, regular meetings and group activities? If you have, PI is the club for you. Politically Incorrect holds meetings each Monday at noon in the Academic II Building's Room 147 to discuss political issues.

**GC Ambassadors**

When: Mondays at noon

Where: Science building room 173

The GC Ambassadors are a group of students who give their time and service to promote and support the college. They guide campus tours and assist in alumni affairs and activities.

**Physics Club**

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Advisor: J.B. Sharma

The GC Physics provides extracurricular science experiences for students through such activities as field trips, guest speakers, regular meetings and discussing extraordinary physics theories. Contact J.B. Sharma for more info.

**GC Alliance**

Advisor: Michallene McDaniel, Connie Ringger, and Caitlin Wills-Toker

When: Mon. at noon

Where: Acad. II, rm. 103

GCA is a safe and welcoming environment for the GLBT community and their straight supporters. The club welcomes open dialogue and a diversity of opinions and ideas. Everyone is welcome.

**Legacy - Campus Crusade for Christ**

Advisor: Dale Crandall

When: Mon. at noon

Where: Student Act. bldg. Lanier A and B

An international, interdenominational Christian club, Campus Crusade for Christ organized to provide outreach, training, encouragement, fellowship, friendship and a mean for Christian growth.

**Recreational Outdoor Experience**

Advisor: Shane Sullards

When: Mon. at noon

Where: P.E. bldg. rm 157

ROE is a club that provides challenging and enjoyable outdoor experiences for the students at Gainesville College. Get in shape while having fun and meeting others who have the same love for the outdoors you do.

**Baptist Student Union**

Advisor: Jason Ponders

BSU is a fellowship of college students seeking to find and implement God's purpose for them and their world. The club provides opportunity for an inward journey of spiritual growth and an outward journey of services to others. Meetings are Wednesdays at noon in Lanier AB of the Student Center.

**Intramurals**

Advisor: James Howard

When: MWF at noon

Where: Gym or fields

**Contendo,  
Exsudio,  
Voluptas**

Intramurals offer a variety of co-recreational sports each month for fun, fitness and friendly competition. Access the intramurals web site from [www.gc.peachnet.edu](http://www.gc.peachnet.edu) under Current Students and Clubs and Organizations.

**Philosophy Club**

Advisor: Kerry Stewart

The Gainesville College Philosophy Club was established to facilitate the expansion of philosophical learning at GC. We seek to provide a free and open forum for the discussion of ideas. We also regularly participate in activities designed to expand our horizons. Our meetings are Wednesdays at noon in Academic II, Room 147.

**Psychology Club**

Advisor: Clayton Teem

When: Wed. from 12 - 1

Where: Acad. II, rm. 103

GC's Psychology Club Psychology Club welcomes students from all disciplines and backgrounds who are interested in psychological issues. If you are interested in becoming a Psychology Club member, or would like to find out more about the club, email [cteems@gc.peachnet.edu](mailto:cteems@gc.peachnet.edu) or stop in for the next meeting.

**Second Wind**

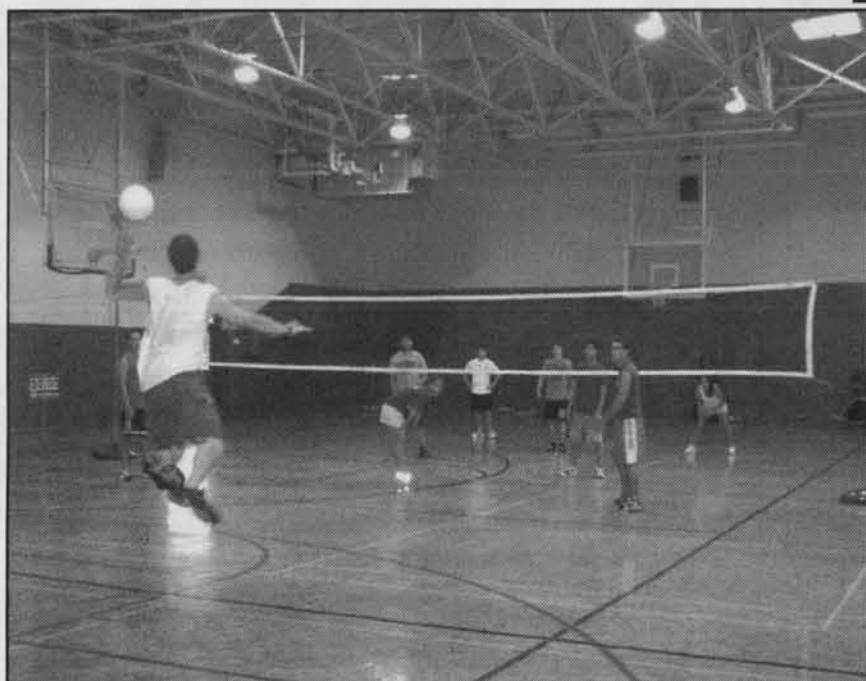
Advisor: Brenda Adams

The purpose of Second Wind is to promote interaction among non-traditional students by developing a support group to provide insight and guidance to aid in personal and career awareness. Topics such as study tips, role juggling, decision-making, self concept and assertiveness will be discussed. Contact Brenda Adams in the Student Activities office to find out more.

**Southern Off-Road Bicycling (SORBA)**

SORBA is a volunteer non-profit organization formed in 1988 to promote, preserve and protect mountain biking opportunities in the southeast. It was also formed to educate riders about these opportunities and promote environmentally and socially responsible riding. For more information, send questions to [gainesville@sorba.org](mailto:gainesville@sorba.org).





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Fall Intramurals at Gainesville College featured both volleyball and flag football. Justin Proctor, shown above, spikes a volleyball for his team, V.I.P as they go on to beat the Crop Rotators on September 8. The Headbustas, shown at right in white, beat Best Bet, in dark jerseys, in the first flag football game of the season on September 8. October Intramurals will feature softball, 3 on 3 basketball, and ultimate frisbee.



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# Mat Mladin Wins at Superbike Showdown



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**On the weekend of Sept. 3, 4, and 5 the Suzuki Superbike Showdown descended upon Road Atlanta for an adrenaline packed weekend.**

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The AMA Suzuki Superbike Showdown Championship Series descended upon Road Atlanta on September 3, 4, and 5 for an adrenaline packed weekend of motorcycle racing, stunt shows, and interactive activities for all.

On the last day of racing Mat Mladin, current World Champion in the AMA Championship Series, raised the bar of motorcycle racing by beating

his nearest opponent by more than a minute while Ben Spies went on to win in the Superstock Series.

Road Atlanta once again displayed its ever increasing generosity and support by donating \$1500 to the Gainesville College Scholarship Foundation.

In return, several students and one faculty member decided to donate their time for Road Atlanta by volunteering at the Superbike Showdown weekend. The volunteers were Tanner

Goodson, Nathan Plunkett, Michele Hester, Kelly Hester, Andrew Mann, Chi Vuong, Walker Pierce, and Dean Lieburn.

The volunteers worked for three-hour shifts throughout the weekend performing various odd jobs from working at information booths to hanging up signs to directing people where to park.

All in all, not only did the volunteers receive free weekend passes for volunteering, but they also experienced an incredible event that will last a lifetime of memories.



JACK HOWLAND/Editor-in-Chief

**The AMA Suzuki Superbike Championship race began on Sunday with an exciting mass start which began with speeds of about 140 mph before the first turn.**



JACK HOWLAND/The Compass

Mat Mladin, in back, chases four other riders as they exit the second turn of Turn 10b.



JACK HOWLAND/The Compass

**Mat Mladin, third rider from top, chases two other riders as they exit the sharp right hand turn of Turn 10b just before the course takes them under the Suzuki bridge. Mat Mladin went on to win Sunday's race by more than a minute. Mladin currently has four AMA Superbike titles under his belt and with a 21 point lead going into the weekend over second place rookie Jake Zemke, Mladin will indefinitely go on to win a fifth Superbike Championship title.**



# GTA Ready to Kick Off a New Season

By Jessi Stone

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The award-winning Gainesville Theatre Alliance is ready to kick off its 26th season of drama.

After going through an "agonizing" process of reading scripts and reviews, GTA Artistic Director Jim Hammond has chosen four shows that have something for everyone. This year's season includes an award-winning musical, a Shakespearean comedy, an American classic and a children's fairy tale.

WonderQuest, GTA's theatre for young audiences, opens the 2004-05 season with "Sleeping Beauty" at Brenau University's Pearce Auditorium on Sept. 30-Oct. 6. Adapted and directed by Gay Hammond, this fairy tale is

set in ancient Asia. Tickets went on sale Sept. 7 and can be reserved by calling (770) 718-3721.

GTA's first main-stage production, "Gypsy," which runs Nov. 9-21 at Brenau's Hosch Theatre, is about a risqué burlesque dancer who is the "ultimate stage mother," played by Ingrid Cole. Cole also starred as Emma Goldman in GTA's production of "Ragtime;" she returns to play Mama Rose in "Gypsy."

"This story has connections with today's culture, where the outrageous are rewarded," Jim Hammond explained. "Having someone with more experience (Cole) gives our younger actors an excellent example of what to strive for; they are wonderful teachers."

Added GC freshman Will



Actors portrayed as Medieval times characters during a play performed last year for the Gainesville Theater Alliance.

Bradley, who will play a dancer, "There is definitely pressure because I have seen many productions at GTA and I know I have a lot to live up to. But I'm looking forward to stretching myself as a dancer."

GC students will be admitted free on several nights during the play: Nov. 8, 10, 11, 16 and 17.

Next spring, GTA will debut "As You Like It," directed by Gay Hammond.

Gay Hammond has not

decided on where to place the setting for the Shakespearean romantic comedy, although Hammond said she was considering a British Colonial period set on the tropical island of Fiji.

"As You Like It" will be performed Feb. 15-27 at the Hosch Theatre. GC students will be admitted free on Feb. 14, 16, 17, 22 and 23.

To close out the season, Jim Hammond will be directing "Look Homeward Angel," a coming-of-age American classic, on April 12-24 at the Ed Cabell Theatre in the Continuing Education building on GC's campus.

Free nights for GC students will be April 11, 13, 14, 19 and 20.

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## OCTOBER

### Colloquium Speaker – John Casper, “The Future of NASA”

Noon on Mon., Sept. 27  
CE Auditorium

### Alumni Golf Tournament

Chicopee Woods Golf Course  
Oct. 1

### Artist Exhibit – Sam Barnum “Paintings”

Thurs., Oct. 6  
CE Gallery

### Last 10 Week Session Classes Begin

### First 10 Week Sessions Midpoint

Thurs., Sept. 28

### October Intramurals Begin

Softball, 3-on-3 Basketball,  
Ultimate Frisbee  
Throughout October  
Mon., Wed., and Fri. at noon  
GC Fields

### Understanding Your Dreams Workshop

Tues., Oct. 12  
12 noon or 5 p.m.  
Counseling and Career Services Office

### Study Skills

Wed., Oct. 13  
12 noon & 5 p.m.  
Counseling & Career Services Office

### WonderQuest *Sleeping Beauty*

Oct. 1-2  
Brenau's Pearce Auditorium

### Speak Out – Sponsored by Sigma Chi Eta

Political Rally  
Wed. Oct. 6 noon – 1:30 p.m.  
Front lawn in front of flags

### Fall Semester Job Fair

Wed., Oct. 6 10 am - 1 pm  
Student Center

### November Intramural Sign-ups

Oct. 8  
Register online at

[www.gc.peachnet.edu/pe/intramurals](http://www.gc.peachnet.edu/pe/intramurals)

### GC Faculty Art Exhibit

Oct. 11 – Nov. 10  
CE Gallery

### First Session Classes End

Wed., Oct. 13

### GC Health Fair

Wed., Oct. 13  
Gym

### Politically Incorrect Guest Speaker Glenn Tatum Executive Director of Georgia's Libertarian Party

A candidate for the state legislature  
Wed., Oct. 13 at 12 noon  
C.E. Auditorium.

### Full Session Midpoint

### First Session Final Exams

Thurs., Oct. 14

### Choosing a Major

Mon., Oct. 25  
12 noon or 5 p.m.  
Counseling and Career Services Office

### Qi Gong for Positive Mental Health/Energy

Tues., Oct. 26  
12 noon or 5 p.m.  
Lower Faculty/Staff Dining Room  
Student Center

### Mid-Semester Break

Fri., Oct. 15

### Second session Classes Begin

Mon., Oct. 18

### Fall Chorale Concert

Tues., Oct. 19 – 7:30 p.m.  
GC Ed Cabell Theatre  
Free!!

### Colloquium Speaker – John Murphy “Presidential Campaigning: Reason & Rhetoric”

Wed., Oct. 20 at noon  
CE Auditorium

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Oct. 20  
Student Center

### Math League Competition

First Round  
Mon., Oct. 25 at noon  
Room 138 (Acad. III).

### Intramural Sign-ups Deadline

Oct. 27

### Fall Festival

Oct. 29 at noon  
Gym

## NOVEMBER

### November Intramurals Begin

Soccer and 5-on-5 Basketball  
Begin Nov. 1 at noon  
Games are Mon., Wed., Fri.  
Fields and gym

### First 10 Week Session Classes End

### Last 10 Week Session Midpoint

Tues., Nov. 2

### GTA's *Gypsy*

Nov. 9-21  
Brenau's Hosch Theatre

### Second session Midpoint

Thurs., Nov. 11

### Thanksgiving Holidays

Wed. – Fri., Nov. 24 – 26

## DECEMBER

### Classes End

Fri., Dec. 10

### Final Exams

Mon. – Fri., Dec. 13 – 17

### Family Holiday Concerts

Presented by the GC Music Department  
Mon. and Tues., Dec. 6 & 7 at 7:30 pm  
GC's Ed Cabell Theatre



## Culture In The Crosshairs...

Film/Culture Commentary

By Matt Welborn



### 'De-lovely' is Lovely

"De-Lovely" is one of this years best movies. If you love drama and musicals this movie is for you. "De-Lovely" is a biography and a musical that brings to life the ravishing Cole Porter. Some of Porter's works include "Night and Day", "Kiss Me Kate", "Ain't Misbehaving", and "Anything Goes". The character of Porter is played by astonishing actor Kevin Kline who does an outstanding job at portraying the early 1900's composer. When referring to his film, director Irwin Winkler stats that it is "an impressionistic musical biography in which the historical facts of Porter's life are put together like notes in a melody, to try and give a truer, deeper picture of the man, his works, and more important, his heart."

During his life Cole Porter was a very happy man. He loved everybody and everybody loved him. "I wanted every kind of love that was available, but I could never find them in the same person, or the same sex." says Porter.

The way the movie starts out is really superb. It contains two men in a theater one is an aged Cole Porter, nearing his death, and the other is an angel/director by the name of Gabe, played by Jonathan Pryce. The beginning also seems very "Christmas Carol" like with the viewing of Porters life right in front of him while Pryce is directing it.

We catch up with Porter in post world war I Paris and find a brash young musician. Being brought up from a wealthy family; Porter attended Yale and there discovered that he had a knack for composing music. That combined with his ability to put together slyly clever lyrics puts Porter in prime position to be a rising star.

Things change when Porter weds an American divorcee (Ashley Judd), who coincidentally knows all the right people and recognizes Porter's musical abilities. Porter forms acquaintances with different people to rapidly take himself to the top. His wife, not having a specific sexual denomination herself, is willing to turn the other cheek when her husband occasionally runs off with the younger males.

Approaching the end of the movie, Porter's life makes a downward spiral. After the decease of his wife due to the effects of cancer, he becomes an angry and isolated man. Aging himself, we catch up to Porter as the same old man in the same theatre that the adventure started in. The viewer is led to believe that the film ends and begins with the decease of Cole Porter in this movie theatre, being that one of the last sequences of the film is of the ancient actors and actresses, former stars of his own musicals, lifting him up and giving the sense that he is transcending to a world beyond death. However, being that all good musicals end on a happy note, the audience is then pleasantly treated to a young Mr. and Mrs. Porter chiming a happy tune on a piano.



Matt Welborn is a native of LA that is "Lower Alto" Ga. He is now attending Gainesville College as an English major. His ambitions are quite different from his major he wants to be a music connoisseur. Corny isn't he?

## Across The Pages...

Book Reviews by: Dorothy Howland



### Get Lost in 'The Notebook'

*The Notebook* opens with the story of an eighty year old man who is located in a nursing home. His favorite pastime in the nursing home is reading from a worn notebook to many of the patients, but especially to an old lady in whom he hopes and prays a miracle will occur. The notebook he reads contains the story of his life, the life of Noah Calhoun.

One summer during a high school gathering, Noah has the opportunity to meet a fourteen-year-old female guest of his friends Lon and Sarah. Soon Noah shares his emotions with the fourteen-year-old Allie Nelson. The thing he loves in her most of all is that she is "a living poem," while she thinks of him as "a poet" because of the way he looks at life. Their love becomes a bond of their two souls that summer, but seems to end along with the ending of summer when Noah discovers that she must go back to her hometown and that they may never have the opportunity to see each other ever again. Noah writes to her every month for two years without getting a reply. This makes his longing for her even stronger, so out of loneliness he decides to travel to her hometown located in New Jersey. Once he gets there, he discovers that her family has moved and that her good friend there has no idea where Allie's family can be located. Noah gives up writing after that and settles down after world war two to renovate a 1772 house in order to try to forget Allie. It is not until Noah is thirty-one years old that he sees a car drive up and Allie step out of it. When twenty-nine year old Allie sees Noah, she informs him that she is engaged. She discovers that her own thoughts are in conflict, for seeing Noah brings back her love for him. Does she marry Lon, or does she have to hurt all those around her who have worked hard for her to have a wedding in two weeks? Noah does not know if he could ever live without her again, but she does not know how to bring herself to choose between the two. It is true that her first love will always be her favorite love, but does she love him enough to marry him?



Critics often say that *The Notebook* is a romance novel that is unlike any that has been written. Its plot is full of joy, disappointment, love, and of a strong friendship that lasts no matter what comes between it. Although there is now a screenplay based on the novel, *The Notebook* cannot ever be replaced and will always be the better choice of the two. The novel is well worth the reader's time and money whether it is before or after seeing the motion picture. Without Nicholas Sparks, no film producer would have been able to think of a plot even similar to *The Notebook*.

Dorothy Howland was born August 22, 1985, in Milton, Florida. She is the second child among nine children and enjoys crocheting, taking long walks, reading, and spending time with her siblings. Her favorite book that she has read is *A Separate Peace*. She is a freshman of Gainesville College and is currently majoring in English. She hopes to become a librarian.



## Food for Thought...

Restaurant Reviews by: Jenn Williams



### Drink Some Joe at The Spot

In the heart of Gainesville there is an amazing world all its own. The place I am speaking of is the Gainesville Square. Everyone that has been there has a favorite shop or restaurant they enjoy visiting and one of mine is located inside the Main Street Deli.

*The Spot* is a cozy coffee shop that shares its home with *A Window on Main Street*, which is a place that everyone can purchase local and regional gifts. Kathy Vitti began *A Window on Main Street* a year ago. She was working with the downtown association of Main Street Gainesville and made it her mission to help business owners start and continue to run successful small businesses. By the time Mrs. Vitti had decided to open her own shop she knew how to run a healthy and vibrant business that would keep customers coming back for more.

She began with a desire to fill a shop full of affordable gifts that reflect Gainesville and its wonderful attractions. Her merchandise grew, as she began to become creative and design shirts and accessories for each individual and for your home as well. She not only houses her own creations but allows other independent artist to sell their merchandise.

As she approached her first year anniversary, she began to receive customers continually asking Kathy is she would add a coffee shop to her already successful business. Now more than two months have passed and she has fulfilled her customers desires. She expanded *A Window on Main Street* and added *The Spot*. This Coffee shop lives up to its name, because it is decorated to reflect the creative name. She not only sells delicious coffee, but a variety of pastries as well. What makes this coffee shop stand out is the friendly service. I have never had a bad experience in my coffee selection or the service. They offer a variety of coffee each day, along with certain coffee shop specials.

When I ask Kathy what she wanted all Gainesville college students to know is that first, all college students that show an id get a 10% discount. She stated that the local college students mean a lot to her, and that she will do whatever it takes to keep their business. Second, she hopes that college students can always come to both the gift and the coffee shop and be able to buy everything at an affordable price, and third, that she will always work with each customer to try and meet their individual needs.

Kathy works hard to make her business a place that keeps customers coming back for more. I know I will continue to drink coffee there and I hope that others will discover the charm of *The Spot* as well.

*Jenn Williams is attending Gainesville College for her second semester as a theater and communication major. Jenn is currently the Vice-President of Sigma Chi Eta, GC's communication club. Currently, Jenn works as a sales associate at Pier One. In her spare time, Jenn enjoys watching movies, going to concerts, visiting quaint coffee shops, long walks on the beach, and absolutely loves watching I Love Lucy. When Jenn graduates from college she would like to teach communication or theater classes.*

## Tune In Time...

Music Reviews by: Matt Welborn



### Butch Walker Concert Impressive

The smoke filled the room, lights faded, and poetry was spilled from a mouth with soul and experience. Sweat and tears fell from a man expressing and explaining the hardships of a woman and her letters and a man with his mix tapes. Jokes also filled this room to lighten the mood and a rhapsody of bohemians was played in remembrance of a band that was and always will be, marvelous.

After the display of Styx impressions and the explanation of what cassettes used to be, the man of the hour Butch Walker jumped off stage and into the hands of fans that wanted "something" signed from him.

After a long US tour in support of his new solo album "Letters" Butch finds himself saying, "I'm going home to take a shower and have a three-day nap."

On this tour Butch has picked up a few helping hands such as American Hi-Fi and is introducing Val Emmich, and Red Letter Agent to fans around the US.

The album "Letters" has brought out a personal perspective of Butch's previous relationships such as The Marvelous 3 and his time spent in Los Angeles to further his career. When asked how and when the best lyrics are written he said, "when I'm driving I start to think of something somebody said or something that happened to me that day; it's that stream of consciousness that are the best lyrics."

Walker also has been producing for the past few years with such artists as Avril Lavigne, Simple Plan, and most recently The Donnas. In an interview with Rolling Stone magazine Butch says, "I think I dug myself into a hole by being a recording artist my whole life and then everyone wanting me to produce and I didn't want to give either one up."

He concludes, "The minute my ego starts getting too big from being onstage, I can go in a studio and be humbled by having it be about somebody else for a while." Butch seems to be content with his current status as a producer but he also says that playing music is his first and last love and that he hopes that he can do it as long as his fans will come to see him. If you want to listen to any of Butch's latest or previous bands check out

[www.marviewworld.com](http://www.marviewworld.com) or [www.2mr41h.com](http://www.2mr41h.com).

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## THE VOICE OF THE COMPASS

### State Budget Cuts, Possible Tuition Increase Harms GC Environment

It has come to our attention at the Compass that Gainesville College may once again be raising tuition.

That's right; apparently, the state government has required that the University System of GA, to which Gainesville College belongs, has to cut \$68.7 million dollars.

The state Board of Regents will decide in October whether to increase tuition. If they do, it will be an increase to our tuition by at least 10 percent in the spring.

For the students at GC, that means paying \$807 each semester from the \$734 it was before.

With our already increased enrollment, one would think that tuition, at the very least would stay at its current amount. This is not the case.

One of the biggest benefits of GC is its location in our community. It is close, and part of the reason the majority of students attend Gainesville College is because of its low tuition.

If the increase does happen, the tuition hike won't be the only hard-ship students will be facing. Also, this increase doesn't just mean more cost for those of us without financial assistance but it also brings more problems for those students who are receiving financial aid.

If you are one of the fortunate students who gets HOPE, the increase in tuition may not be as worrisome for you. But you too still have something to be concerned about.

We already have enough costs to deal with, and with the school growing as it is, it's likely we will soon be in need of more books, more computers and other technology, and we are already in the need of additional parking. Even though we will be paying more in tuition, it isn't likely that advancements to our campus or curriculum will be in our near future. College is supposed to prepare us for our futures in the work force, and technology is a big part of that. If Gainesville College will not be able to progress, what is the point?

Why is the University System getting cut so much? Among all of the cuts being made throughout the state, it is the education system that is bearing the most weight.

In fact by giving us more funding, or cutting the least amount, wouldn't that inevitably help the economy? By educating us with a higher regard, we will become more knowledgeable in our work force and thus better contribute to our state's financial system.

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# Should America Forgive President Bush?

By Anita Turlington

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"Elect me because I am a Christian like you, and I will run this country the way God wants it to be run."

This is the essence of President Bush's appeal to Christian voters. He shares our values, he says—values based on Biblical teaching. He follows the same example we follow, the example of Jesus Christ. Above all, President Bush promises that we can count on him to think the same way we think about troubling and controversial issues like abortion and gay marriage, and we can be reassured by the knowledge that he will pray before he makes decisions that affect us and our children. This soothing appeal is working with many voters

who identify themselves as evangelical Christians.

But are Christians being too easy on the President? After all, any leader who stands up and asks to be supported and trusted, on the basis of his faith, is not just making promises about how he will make decisions: he is also asking to be measured by the standards of that faith. In other words, Christian voters should be carefully assessing whether the President actually "walks the walk" in addition to "talking the talk."

The Bible makes very clear that Christian behavior should be markedly different from the behavior of others, and there are no loopholes in Scripture for those who wish to involve themselves in the tarnished world of politics. The Ten Commandments do not say "You shall not give false testimony against your

neighbor except when you need to stretch the truth a little in order to be elected." Matthew 6:24 does not say "You cannot serve both God and money except when you need to raise money to run your next campaign. And Jesus Christ makes no exceptions when he indicts the Pharisees as hypocrites by quoting Isaiah: "These people honor me with their lips/but their hearts are far from me/They worship me in vain;their teachings are but rules taught by men."

The man or woman who believes that he or she has been called by God to govern should have enough faith to run a campaign and an administration that is truly different from the norm in political life. In his or her conduct, this politician should conform to the Biblical exhortation to be a light in the

darkness and "in the world but not of the world."

But this sounds entirely impractical. How can anyone who wants to get elected play by a more rigorous set of rules than other candidates and still expect to win? Who could ever run for office in today's political climate without compromising ethics or integrity somewhere in the process? And that is precisely why most politicians do not make the claims that President Bush is making. Like the President, they want to be able to play by the accepted rules, and they do not want to be held to a standard they have no intention of trying to meet.

In addition, if the President claims to model his life after that of Jesus Christ, some of his policies call into question his understanding of the Gospels. It is very clear that Jesus Christ does not have much use for

politics; he is betrayed by Judas precisely because he declines to lead the Zealots in an armed revolution to re-establish Jewish home rule, and he dismissed the current power brokers with the pithy "Render unto Caesar what is Caesar's." The priorities of Jesus, however, are clearly stated throughout the Gospels, particularly in the Sermon on the Mount and Luke 4:16-20, and they are not the priorities of this President.

I do not question the sincerity of President Bush's faith, but the conduct of his campaign as well as the priorities of his administration cause me to question the depth of his commitment to Christian ideals. However, the very heart of Christianity rests in grace and forgiveness. I forgive President Bush for his bad decisions and his possible hypocrisy. I just hope he loses the election.

## Problems Concerning Obtaining A Degree At Age 30

By Allen Lyons

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Getting a degree at 30 years of age is like reaching the moon. Yes it is possible, but how many people actually accomplish the task. Reaching this goal is sidelined by financial pitfalls, lack of assistance, and incredible blockades.

As for the financial pitfalls, being thirty years old is nothing like being seventeen or eighteen and fresh out of high school. At seventeen years old the biggest worry you had was paying for an automobile, which was usually moderately priced due to the salary of the fast food restaurant you chose to work at.

At thirty, the financial wall has been built to enormous heights. The credit cards I felt so important to sport in my wallet years ago lay stranded in a desk drawer with the magnetic strip worn away from chronic

utilization. The humble car I drove years back has been replaced with two vehicles which amount to more, monthly, than my parents spent on their house. In addition, the child that I have been blessed with needs to eat, be clothed, watched while we are at work, and of course, be given a good life. The result, no longer is the stress on buying my "date" a meal and a movie a big issue.

After discharging from the Navy in 1992, I thought it would be easy to get a job in the medical field. After all, I spent the last four years in schools and my job was my life. Unfortunately, this is where I found out that it was a waste of time.

In the Navy, I was trained to stay people alive regardless of the cost, I assessed and treated my own patients, and I administered medications. But

outside the military, all I can do is deliver patients their food trays and help them brush their teeth. I decided to go back to college and work towards a Nursing degree so that I may be able to do the things I was already taught in the Navy but no longer had the authority to perform.

However, going back to school was not so easy and I ran into more problems.

Being a non-traditional student, rules me out for receiving the Hope Scholarship as I cannot go to school full-time and I have to have over thirty hours of class time to be eligible.

Instead, I sit in the one class that I am able to afford per semester, study for each test and watch young kids who are taking a free ride on the taxes that I pay for, goof off on their studies.

I tried to get assistance from the military but because I did not choose the GI Bill at age 17 when I enlisted I am not eligible. I filled out the FAFSA online application and submitted it but received no response. The only assistance I was able to find was at the Hospital where I work which will give up to \$400.00 per semester as long as I agree that once I am finished, I will work for them. That is excellent, except for the fact that about all that will buy me is a notebook and a couple of pencils in the college bookstore.

Yes, I could go for a loan but that just inflates the financial issue even more.

I have thought long and hard about my career and have decided that the best I can do is to work full time to support my family, humble myself in my job, and pray that I touch someone's life everyday that I work.

As for the degree, I will probably take one class per semester at night, and plug along slowly while my arteries are hardening by the minute and my chances of graduating are about as good as the chances of winning the lottery.

I will not let myself give up on being a nurse, but I can see clearly why there is such a shortage.

It seems like the assistance, especially for a motivated non-traditional student, should be more accessible.

However, I will push on; stay focused on my goal, and put the hard feelings behind me. After all, 100 years from now is this really going to matter anyway? I believe a degree is obtainable at thirty; it just may take me thirty more years to achieve.



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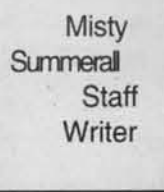


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## THE VOICE OF OCONEE

### Oconee Officials Not Doing Enough To Meet Students' Dining Needs

Get up; run out of the house. You have class at 9, another class at 10, and another at 11. By this time your stomach is rumbling and you can't focus. You need food. Not crackers from a vending machine, but real food, brain food. If you go to school on the main GC campus in Oakwood, no problem, you can run over to the student center where hot food awaits. Not so for us unlucky folk at Oconee. We get M&M's.

This issue not only affects students, but faculty and staff as well. With the growing number of people on campus we need a viable solution on how to feed everyone. It's clear that budget concerns are going to prevent Oconee from building a separate food service building anytime soon. Extended vending is not the answer, either. Prepackaged ham sandwiches sound less appealing than the M&M's.

The appearance of Herb-ivores Plus was a welcome one, but unfortunately for us they have temporarily disbanded. Hopefully they will return with a much-anticipated extended menu.

Even with possible food choices looming, the Oconee administration could be more aggressive and put an ad in the local papers looking for food venders. Someone with a mobile food unit has great potential to make a lot of cash off us hungry, busy students.

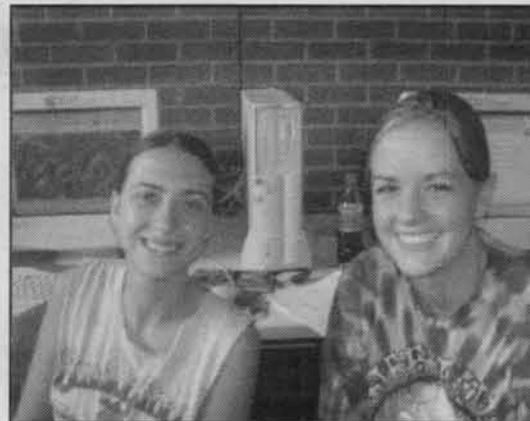
### Student Opinion Poll

### Does Oconee Really Need Student Representation?



"No. If the school was bigger, then (the lack of representation) would be a bigger deal."

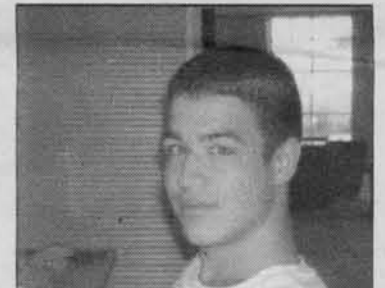
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"Yes. (We need) student transfer advisors who know what is going on and are willing to help."

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"Yes. It builds character for the school and enhances student involvement."

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# Student Life Continues To Grow

**By Emily Cook**  
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With its first-ever full-time hire of a student life coordinator, student activities on the Oconee Campus are up and running this semester.

The new coordinator, Josh Rood, served as a part-time coordinator of student activities last year.

He said he is enthusiastic about being full time and being

on familiar territory, where he "envisioned much potential for the Oconee Campus."

Rood encouraged students to share their ideas on student activities with him.

"I'm responsible for how student activity money gets spent," Rood said.

"I imagine that I have the students' best interests at heart; however, I believe that if the students would like to voice their opinions on how, when, where and on what their money is being spent, they can contact me."

On that note, student involvement is needed and highly recommended.

"The biggest challenge is getting the student body not only excited, but aware of the student activities that are available," Rood said.

He encouraged participation in all clubs and student activities, large and small.

He emphasized that both he and the student life staff are open to any suggestions the student body may have.

Activities such as the return

of the rock wall, skydiving, blood drives and cookouts are planned for this year. At the same time, many new events such as the college survival series, visits by army recruiters, and T'ai Chi Chih will be provided for student involvement.

Sign-ups for all events is available in room 502 for students.

Questions, comments or suggestions concerning student life can be directed to Josh Rood.

## Oconee Library Gets A Facelift

The Oconee campus library and ACTT Center was revamped last summer.

The two facilities received new carpet and paint, along with bookshelves donated from the Gwinnett University Center.

"It helped to create a space that has more room to study and is more comfortable for students to use," school librarian Rebecca Coates said.

-Elizabeth Fields

## More Food Choices At Oconee

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Herbivores Plus, which was located for about the first week of classes in the atrium of the SRC building, hopes to be Oconee's new answer to providing real food on campus.

The deli-style service opened for business at the beginning of the fall semester.

However, due to local health department restraints, Herbivores Plus was forced to close shop temporarily while making upgrades to comply with the Oconee County Health Department.

According to Ronnie Dansby, co-owner of Herbivores Plus, the deli "hopes to upgrade, to include a salad and soup bar, as well as hamburgers, hotdogs and an extended vegetarian menu."

The new additions should be in place by October, Dansby said. William Wilborn, GC head of external programs at Oconee, stated, "They will be back, maybe as early as next week."

J. Sharon Gantt-Dansby and Janal Davis-Gatlin own Herbivores Plus, which is a subsidiary of SGR Designs and Investments Holding Company. The company moved to Georgia in 1996 from Portland, Ore.

## Oconee Clubs

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## Oconee Sets Enrollment Cap

Watkinsville campus reaches 2,000 students, is now at 'maximum capacity'

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Enrollment at Gainesville College's Oconee campus has grown 14.1 percent in the last year and more than 200 percent since it opened in 2000, according to GC Associate Vice President Penny Mills.

Gainesville College's total enrollment soared to nearly 6,000 students and a full one-third of those enrolled in Watkinsville this fall as the population jumped from 1,756 to 2,003 – which is the "maximum capacity" that the satellite campus can hold, Mills said.

"The growth was expected," Mills said, "just not to this magnitude."

To support the growth of the Oconee campus, which opened in the fall of 2000 with just 627 students, GC has hired additional full-time staff members and scheduled more orientation sessions.

An advisement week was also implemented, allowing students to register on-line for courses. A new student center

that will house counselors and advisement staff members is potentially in the works, although state budget cuts may force GC to postpone those plans for awhile.

The state government has required that the University System of Georgia cut \$68.7 million this budget year, which began July 1 and ends June 30, 2005. That represents 38 percent of the \$179 million in cuts for all state departments and agencies.

Mills said a cap has been placed on Oconee's growth because of the limited size of the campus.

"We knew that 2,000 could probably be the magic number for the cap and we have hit that," she said.

"We know our enrollment could be much higher than it is, but we are just limited by the physical space."

Relief for the limited classroom space is not anticipated until the student center is built and fully functioning.

Mills added that fewer courses will be available at Oconee than there could be and students who register late may not be able to enroll in the classes they need.

## Oconee Students Soar to New Heights



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Linda Warbington, a math education major, gets set to bungee trampoline on Sept. 15 at the Oconee campus. The trampoline was brought in by Oconee Student Activities.

## Oconee SGA Disbanded After One Year

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The Oconee Student Government Association Committee, which was created in the fall of 2003, no longer exists.

It was disbanded before the fall semester began in August.

According to Josh Rood, student life coordinator at the Oconee campus, administrators

were concerned about "the monster it could become."

Rood was also afraid that "a Student Government Association could get too political, which is not what a new campus needs in its infancy."

Michelle Brown, director of student development, confirmed Rood's views.

According to administration officials, an alternative idea has been proposed for a replacement group of student leaders.

A leadership retreat from Sept. 17-19 focused on training new leaders.

Rood said the retreat will seek to identify "dedicated and determined individuals harnessed in a more constructive direction."

Brown added that the retreat will tie all the groups, clubs and organizations together.

"It's a better model for the school itself," she said. "Clubs will be able to agree on their budgets for the year, etc."

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**- GC Associate Vice President Penny Mills on the school imposing a cap on the number of students at Oconee.**